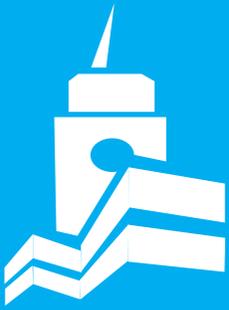


Summer 2019



YOUR — KIRKY —

Newsletter

Welcome to our newsletter Summer 2019

Since our consultation in 2018 we've been busily working away trying to develop some of the ideas that came out of it. In this edition you can read all about our new website, our projects, and, most importantly, how you can help.

The Your Kirky Team

Who We Are . . .

We believe in Kirkintilloch

And we believe if we want to see change in our community then we need to bring everyone together to do something about it. We all can play a part – we all have things to offer and skills that can help. It's about YourKirky, and it's about how we can all work together to deliver the best possible future for our town. Develop a new pride and ambition in our town.

This joined up effort is what we call YourKirky, and it's at the heart of what we're trying to do.

Why wait?

Sign up today and pledge your support at:
contactyourkirky@gmail.com

New look YourKirky website

Numbers of ideas that came out of the consultation were all about how people found out what was going on in the town. We also wanted people to know about all the good stuff that's happening in Kirky and how people can get involved.

To help people communicate better we've recently launched our new website. Please check it out:

www.yourkirky.com
or you can follow YourKirky on social media:

 www.facebook.com/yourkirky

 twitter.com/yourkirky

 www.instagram.com/yourkirky



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Our projects . . .

Our consultation was huge. We got literally hundreds of ideas – so there's lots to be done. Below are just a few of the things that we're trying to do in 2019.

Our full action plan is available at: www.yourkirky.com

If you want to get involved with any of our current projects then sign up today and pledge your support at: contactyourkirky@gmail.com

Phone boxes

Kirky is home of the phone box, and we have access to 3 iconic K9 phone boxes that are in urgent need of a new lease of life. Please fill in a questionnaire or you can go online and complete our survey available from our social media and website. So whether you want to turn them into defibrillators, community information points or the world's smallest dancefloor, then get in touch and help us bring these back to life.



A Fairtrade Town

Over 600 communities across the UK have achieved Fairtrade status since Garstang in Lancashire became the first Fairtrade Town in the world in 2001. We'd like Kirky to be one of those towns. The group to take this forward is being formed and we are looking for

volunteers to join us to find out where Fairtrade is already being used and to encourage others in the Town. With your help we can make Kirkitilloch a Fairtrade Town improving the lives of so many people.

Cinema

Everyone, young and old, told us they wanted to see cinema back in Kirky. That's a long road for us to travel, but we're keen to try. First stop is to try it out and we'll be holding a cinema event in October this year. We need

volunteers to help us run this so please get involved.

Regent Gardens

We'd like to redevelop Regent Gardens to give the community a space that's fit for the next 30 years.

But we need to know how you'd like to see it be developed. During 2019 we'll be hosting a conversation to inform the way forward. Please look out for opportunities to get involved and have your say.

Website/Social Media

None of these things work without a good ability to talk to people. We constantly need help with our webpages and social media. If you've got skills in this area and a very small amount of time to spare please get in touch.

We really need your help to do more . . .

If you like what you've read and want to help deliver that future vision of our town, then we would really love to hear from you.

We'd particularly like to hear from you if you have experience or skills in any of the following areas:

- **Community involvement**
- **Project management**
- **Funding**
- **Communications**
- **Marketing**
- **IT/Social Media**
- **Experience related to any of the project ideas**

Or even that you just Love Kirky and want to help make it a better place

Please sign up today contactyourkirky@gmail.com

Our Vision . . .

Imagine a Kirkintilloch where the community is at the heart. A vibrant town – where people want to shop, meet and eat.

Where the town is a focal point for the community and people can easily take part in what's going on. A town known for its rich heritage and well-used and maintained open spaces. A town accessible and used by everyone. This is a vision we all want, and was the vision shaped from what you all told us in the Community Consultation we carried in 2018.

You can read about our consultation at www.yourkirky.com

So how can you help? A successful consultation is one thing. Turning the desire for change within the community into results is another. Together we can make this vision a reality. But that's going to take a bit of time and lots of effort by all sorts of people, groups and organisations. It's not just down to East Dunbartonshire Council or other large bodies to deliver

this. It's down to us all.

All sorts of things are happening in our town, but we'll need lots more support if we are really going to change things for the better. Much of what came out the consultation can be achieved by people giving up a little bit of time or using some of the skills they have to benefit us all. Even more simply though, some of this can be delivered by everyone trying to Love Kirky a little bit more, and thinking about how their everyday actions impact upon others. Real power and change can be achieved through everyone working together.

Love Kirky is all about that idea. We'd love to achieve some common goals for people who live, work or visit Kirkintilloch. For instance, too much litter and dog fouling are things we can all change. And that's just a start. We want to challenge everyone to Love Kirky a little bit more.

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